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The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Cottbus airfield between 29 December 1954 and 8 January 1955:

29 December to 3 January. There was no air activity.

4 January. Between 1145 and 1225, 7 Yak-11s made local flights of about 4 minutes duration at an altitude of 300 to 400 meters. The first flights were made in light snowfall. All aircraft approached individually, touched down and then took-off shortly before coming to a stop. They resumed their landing gears at an altitude of about 10 meters and subsequently climbed to 300 to 400 meters. They then flew a left bank around their landing gears and approached again for another touch-down and take-off. These practices were repeated up to three times by each aircraft. All Yak-11s were marked by red propeller hubs, white propeller tips and white numbers.

were identified. Three Yak-11s were parked in front of the northeastern hangar. Two small low-wing monoplanes were seen in the hangar next to the flight control station. An AN-2 was parked in front of this hangar. Two trucks including one with glass cupola, 4 sedans, 2 tank trucks and 1 ambulance were parked at the take-off point.

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5 January. Some Yak-11s made individually local flights of 5 to 6 minutes duration at altitudes between 300 and 400 meters. One Yak-11 practiced aerobatics at an altitude of about 1,500 meters.

6 to 8 January. There was no air activity.

Comment. Cottbus airfield is believed to be still occupied by the headquarters of the Cottbus Jagdkorps. There was only light training activity with Yak-11s.

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